

## Sheryl Milliken

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**From:** on behalf of Sheryl Milliken  
**To:** The Branch  
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### From the Pastor.....

Church Family,

Good day to you in the Lord! I pray He is strong in you, drawing you to Himself to enjoy His presence in your life. Jesus teaches us in Matthew 6 the proper way to pray. He says, "When you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you." He calls us to a secluded place to be alone and rest in our Father. Think about this with children. You spend time with all of them. But you also spend time with each one alone. I love to wrestle and play with Collin and Claire in the living room. But I also *love* to take each one into their rooms, close the door, and be alone with them. This is my time with each one of them. I love to look into their eyes and hold them and love them with no one else around. This is the heart of our Father. He is calling us, through Jesus, into our rooms to be alone with Him. He waits to speak powerful, encouraging, blessed words into our lives. May you run to be with Him today in your inner room!

Our Father is powerfully at work in our church. Prayerfully consider your heart towards what He is doing and getting on board with us. Invite someone to church this week. Share Jesus with those who do not know Him.

Blessings,

Pastor Jim

## FIREPROOF Movie Questions:

1. When is the movie showing? Sunday night, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 in the CLC.
2. Will there be dinner served at the movie? Yes. Doug Tomlinson is bringing sandwich fixings and chips. You can also just bring something for yourself if you would like. This is very casual. The movie is far more important than our bellies!!
3. Will there be childcare at the movie? Yes. However, if your kids are old enough to stay at home, please let them stay at home.

## FIREPROOF Small Group Questions:

1. Where are the groups meeting again?
 

a. Jay and Carey Capps	Their house – Waterside Estates	Friday night 6:30-
8:00	Childcare provided in their home	
b. Joe and Jane Stark	Church	Sunday night 5:00-
7:00	Childcare provided at the church	
c. Robert and Denise Kellogg	Their house – Goldenrod Estates	Sunday night 6:30-
8:00	No childcare	
d. Hardy and Karen Thomas	Their house – Pecan Grove	Sunday night 5:00-
7:00	Childcare provided at the church	
2. What about curriculum? You need to purchase the Love Dare book. You can find it at this link. <http://thelovedarebook.com/> The book is a 40 day devotional. Every day you will be led to work on a particular part of your marriage. When you gather for your small group, you will discuss your success. (Or

lack of success!!!!)

3. How do I register? You can register by filling out a registration card in the Worship Guide or by emailing Sheryl Milliken at [smilliken@pecangrovebaptist.org](mailto:smilliken@pecangrovebaptist.org) with the group name you would like to join.
4. When do they start? Groups start the week after the movie.

## Background Checks

We have had some very good questions come up about the background checks we are doing for PGK and ASM. We have not done checks in a while, our filing system is in need of repair, and we have a big influx of new people. Therefore, we are starting over. We are doing a local, state, and national background check on everyone signed up to serve in PGK and ASM. This will be our base. We are using Michael Sellars to do our background checks. Mike is a private investigator who does this regularly as part of his business. He is a personal friend I have known for 8 years and a strong brother in the Lord. Mike currently provides this service for his church – FBC Pearland. Because it is the most comprehensive search that can be done, the first one is more expensive than many of you may be accustomed to. Each background check is going to cost \$10. This is Mike's cost – he is gaining nothing from this other than offering this as his service to the Lord.

Going forward, yearly background checks will only be done at the local level and will only cost \$2-3 each. We are able to fund this through the generosity of an individual who designated funds for the Children's Ministry.

We have also had questions about the security of the information we are collecting. All information is kept in a secure location that only two people in the church have access to. Furthermore, only the Pastor and the Chairman of the Deacons will know the results of the background checks. And it will be our responsibility alone to discuss any findings with any individuals.

Pecan Grove Baptist Church is in the process of writing an official security and confidentiality policy. We are sourcing other churches documentation on this and look forward to having something in place by next week.

Thank you for your concern and your questions. As you have other questions, please do not hesitate to ask me.

We are building an awesome church!!!

Pastor Jim

## Worship Ministry.....

TONIGHT @ 6:30 – “1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Choir” will practice in the choir room. If you have ever been a part of a choir or if you've been thinking about trying it, come out and join us. You don't have to be able to read music. You don't need to have a solo voice. Bring a heart for worship and a desire to lift HIM up and you'll fit right in.

## Youth Ministry.....

Axis Student Ministry is starting True Love Waits, a seven week series on honoring God by committing our bodies to purity and holiness. Lust is a cross-cultural, cross gender issue that seeks to destroy our God given sexuality. The only way for us to rescue our sexuality is to bring it under the dominion of the One who created it. We will kick off tonight at 6:30 in the Chapel. Youth from 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome and encouraged to be here. Please continue to be in prayer for our students as they deal with such a vital issue.

Specifically for tonight:

Pray that students would believe the Word of God over and against the lies of Satan, our culture, and our flesh. That God is not keeping something good from us, but that he is guarding us from something that will rob us of true joy and pleasure. Before we can conquer lust, we must believe that the reason God is against lust is not because he is against pleasure, but because he is *for* it.

## PGBS.....

In-house registration for Pecan Grove Baptist School is going on through the month of February for current students and church members. Make sure to turn in your registration form soon, because open registration begins March 2nd.

If you have any questions or if you would like to set up a time for a tour, please contact Barbara at 281-342-2060.

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